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The C.A.R.C. meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM.

The next meeting is **March 20th**, at the **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CENTER!**

Tornado and Flood Safety Awareness Week

Ah yes, as the snow starts to melt and the birds return north, we all know that spring is just around the corner! With it, comes the threatening potential for severe weather, especially those unwelcome tornadoes and floods. Tornado season is just around the corner and in preparation, the federal government has declared the week of March 17th through the 23rd as tornado and flood safety awareness week.

We will be participating in a practice tornado drill on "*Tornado Safety Day*", **Wednesday, March 20th at 1:10pm** on the 147.120 repeater. This is moved from the traditional time of 10:10am, as to not conflict with many students in the state of Ohio taking a student proficiency exam that day. Denny, N8RNM will be net control again for this years drill. We invite all licensed amateur operators to check in. Please let Denny know your name, call, location and whether or not you heard sirens at 1:10pm. No early check-ins taken!

Canton Amateur Radio Club Minutes February 21, 1996

The regular meeting for the Canton Amateur Radio Club was called to order by club president Dale, KB8LWP, followed by a round of introductions.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of the January 17, 1996 regular meeting was read. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Larry, K8RMY ,reported that the past couple of months have been a quiet couple of months. A motion was made and passed to accept the report.

OLD BUSINESS: Safety Break Sandy ,KB8FZX, reported that several dates were sent in to ODOT and we are waiting to hear which date will be approved.

Hall of Fame Special Event Station: Roger, WA8AHK reported that we are in need of someone to run the special event. This person would be responsible for getting the information to QST and other magazines in time and sending out the certificates. This is something that is very important to the club to carry this on and operators look forward to working us and getting the HOF certificate.

Saundra N8Tzb reported that she is working on the membership cards.

Dick, KC8OU, reported that he has received from the FCC wanting to know if his information is correct and if so to just return it. His license doesn't expire until May.

NEW BUSINESS: Saundra, N8Tzb, reported that during the Trustee meeting a letter was passed around concerning the Tornado and Flood Safety Awareness Week which is March 17 through March 23.

At seven o'clock Wednesday evening, April 10, the Board of Stark County Commissioners' Emergency Preparedness Agency, the National Weather Service Office in Cleveland, Stark Technical College and the Canton Amateur Radio Club will sponsor a Tornado Spotters School. The ninety minute course will be held in the main auditorium of Stark Technical College. The course is free and open to anyone wishing to be trained as a spotter.

Dale, KB8LWP, reported that someone is needed to take over during skywarn the bringing up of the 6 meter net when necessary. Dale also reported that testing was done in the parking lot of the Jail and it was found that there will be no interference caused to the Sheriffs Dept. from the 6 meter equipment.

Saundra, N8Tzb, reported that due to personal situations she may not be able to fulfill her duties as Secretary. Anyone interested in taking over her position please contact Dale, N8Tzb or Saundra.

Ken, W8EK, as always gave a very informative report. Thanks Ken!

A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting. Everyone then enjoyed coffee, donuts and good conversation

NWS Spotter Training

The board of Stark County Commissioners, The Emergency Preparedness Agency, The National Weather Service in Cleveland, Stark Technical College and The Canton Amateur Radio Club will sponsor a tornado spotters school the evening of **Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00pm**. The ninety minute course will be held in the main auditorium of the Stark Technical College. The course is free and open to anyone wishing to be trained as a spotter.

If you have never attended one of these meetings, or it has been several years since you last did, you are encouraged to attend. The training you will receive will help you become better equipped for providing net controls, clear and concise information, during *Skywarn Nets*.

1996 Callbooks

The club has purchased the 1996 editions of the North American and International Call Books. These callbooks contain the callsign, name and mailing addresses of virtually all licensed amateur operators. This is a great source of information for QSL'ing if you do not have all the information needed. If you need something looked up, please contact John, N8WHH at 966-0467 and I'll be glad to help you out.

Club Secretary Needed

Saundra, N8TZB has announced that she will no longer be able to carry on the duties of secretary due to personal conflicts. As a result, we are in need of a person to fill the position of secretary for the remainder of Saundra's term. If you would like help out, please contact Dale, KB8LWP at 456-3241.

330 Goes Into Effect

Just another reminder that we are now in the 330 area code region. You will still be able to use 216 till June 29th, however you may get a recording explaining the area code change. After that date, 216 will belong exclusively to the Cleveland area.

Skywarn Note

According to the Cleveland National Weather Service, they have divided the 33 counties that they are responsible for into Local Focus Groups (LFG's). There are several counties in each LFG. We here in Stark County are joined in with Wayne and Holmes. The purpose of the LFG's are to coordinate and relay critical information to the National Weather Service during Skywarn nets. We are encouraged to get to know one another, share information and provide whatever assistance needed to each other during nets. Our group serves the *South Central* region.

Hamvention '96 Coming Up!!!

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association's Hamvention '96 is May 17, 18, 19 this year. These dates are several weeks later than in previous years in hopes of catching some warmer weather. The flea market opens at 8:00am on Friday and at 6:00am on Saturday and Sunday. Inside exhibits open at 12:00 noon on Friday and 8:00am on Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets for the hamfest are \$12.00 in advance, and \$15.00 at the gate. These tickets are valid for all 3 days. If you wish to purchase tickets in advance, make your check payable to: Dayton Hamvention P.O. Box 1446, Dayton, OH 45401-1446.

Hamfests Scheduled For 1996

Toledo MRA	Toledo	March 17
Athens Co. ARA	Athens	April 28
Medina 2-M Group	Medina	May 12
Twenty Over Nine ARC	Youngstown	May 26
Milford ARC	Milford	June 15
Van Wert ARC	Van Wert	July 21
Portage ARC	Randolph	August 4
Union Co. ARC	Marysville	August 18
Findlay ARC	Findlay	September 8
Triple States RAC	Wheeling, Wva.	Sept. 15
Greater Cincinnati ARA	Cincinnati	Sept. 22
Hamfest Assoc of Cleveland	Berea	Sept. 22

All In A Day's Work ...By author unknown

I am writing in response to your request for additional information for block number three of the accident report form. I put "poor planning" as the cause of my accident. You said in your letter that I should explain more fully and I trust that the following details will be sufficient.

I am an amateur operator, and on the day of the accident, I was working alone on the top section of my new 80 foot tower. When I had completed my work, I discovered that I had, over the course of several trips up the tower, brought up about 300 pounds of tools and spare hardware. Rather than carry the now unneeded tools and material down by hand, I decided to lower the items down in a small barrel by using a pulley, which fortunately was attached to the gin pole at the top of the tower. Securing a rope at ground level, I went to the top of the tower and loaded the tools and material into the barrel. Then I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to insure a slow descent of the 300 pounds of tools. You will notice in block number eleven of the accident reporting form, that I weigh only 155 pounds. Due to my surprise of being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rapid rate of speed up the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level, I met the barrel coming down. This explains my fractured skull and broken collarbone. Slowing up slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the digits of my right hand were two knuckles deep in the pulley. Fortunately, by this time, I had regained my presence of mind, and was able to hold on to the rope in spite of my pain. At approximately the same time however, the barrel of tools hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of tools, the barrel weighed approximately 20 pounds. I refer you again to my weight in block number eleven. As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent down the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40 foot level, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for two fractured ankles and lacerations of my legs and lower body. The encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries so that when I fell into the pile of tools, fortunately only three vertebrae were cracked. I am sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the tools, in pain, unable to stand and watching the empty barrel 80 feet above me....I again lost my presence of mind, I let go of the rope!



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April 7 - Daylight Savings Time Begins



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